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On page 7, line 24, insert a comma after "38".

On page 7, line 30, insert a comma after "path".

On page 9, line 5, insert a comma after "149".

On page 10, line 34, delete "26" and insert --300--.

On page 10, line 36, delete "20".

On page 11, line 1, delete "20".

On page 11, line 2, delete "Fig. 13" and insert --Figs. 12 and 13--.

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A belt module, which comprises:

a) an intermediate section having opposed first and second walls, wherein the intermediate section has [a] an intermediate width defined by the first and second walls and a thickness defined by an upper surface and a lower surface and wherein the intermediate section comprises a web portion extending across the intermediate width between the first and second walls and from one of the upper and lower surfaces to a portion of the way though the thickness of the intermediate section to form into a corrugated portion extending across the intermediate width between the first and second walls to the other of the upper and lower surfaces, wherein the corrugated portion has a sinusoidal shape comprising a series of regularly spaced ridges and [grooves] valleys extending substantially across [the] a lateral width of the module;

b) a first plurality of link ends extending outwardly from the intermediate section including the web portion and being connected to the regularly spaced ridges [on] of the first wall of the corrugated portion;

91 c) a second plurality of link ends extending outwardly from the intermediate section including the web portion and being connected to the regularly spaced ridges [on] of the second wall of the corrugated portion and in a direction opposite the first link ends; and[,]

d) transverse openings provided in each of the first and second link ends[, wherein at least the openings in one of the first and second link ends is elongated in a direction along an axis of the link end extending from the intermediate section].

2. (Amended) The belt module of Claim 1, wherein the first and second link ends each have a leg portion connected to the intermediate section including the respective regularly spaced ridges, and wherein each leg portion has [with] substantially parallel leg sidewalls.

3. (Amended) The belt module of Claim 2, wherein the first and second link ends each have a head portion that is wider than the leg portion, the head portion having a pair of substantially parallel head sidewalls and an endwall.

4. (Amended) The belt module of Claim 3, wherein a junction of the head sidewalls and endwall of the head portion is rounded.

62 6. (Amended) The belt module of Claim 1, further comprising an opening disposed through the belt module from the [top] upper surface to the [bottom] lower surface.

7. (Amended) A radius conveyor belt, comprising:

62 a) a plurality of belt modules, each having a plurality of first link ends disposed in the direction of belt travel, [and having] a plurality of second link ends disposed in the opposite direction, and an intermediate section disposed between and connected to the first and second plurality of link ends, wherein at least some of the modules are provided with the intermediate section having a width defined by the first and second walls and a thickness defined by an upper surface and a lower surface and wherein the intermediate section comprises a web portion extending across the intermediate width between the first and second walls and from one of the upper and lower surfaces to a portion of the way through the thickness of the intermediate section to form into a corrugated portion extending across the intermediate width between the first and second walls to the other of the upper and lower surfaces, wherein the corrugated portion has a sinusoidal shape comprising a series of regularly spaced ridges and valleys extending substantially across a lateral width of the module; [and having a web and a corrugated portion disposed adjacent to the web]

b) a first plurality of link ends extending outwardly from the intermediate section including the web portion and being connected to the regularly spaced ridges of the first wall of the corrugated portion;

c) a second plurality of link ends extending outwardly from the intermediate section including the web portion and being connected to the regularly spaced ridges of the second wall of the corrugated portion and in a direction opposite the first link ends, the plurality of first and second link ends being disposed such that a space capable of receiving a link end is formed between each adjacent link end, the space being open at one end and terminating in [an] a rounded region at the opposite end, the plurality of first link ends being offset from the plurality of

second link ends such that the first link ends align with the space between the second link ends such that adjacently positioned belt modules are capable of intercalating so that the first link ends of one belt module fit into the spaces defined between the second link ends of an adjacent belt module, wherein the plurality of first link ends [having] each have a transverse slotted opening [slot defined therein, the slot] disposed transverse to the direction of belt travel and extending in the direction of belt travel, the plurality of second link ends having a transverse opening defined therein; and[,]

d) a pivot rod extending transverse to the direction of belt travel through the openings in the second link ends [end] of one of the plurality of belt modules and extending through the slotted openings in the first link ends [end] of an adjacent belt module such that the first and second link ends of the adjacent belt modules are intercalated and the adjacent belt modules are interlinked into adjacent hinged rows capable of following a curved path.

8. (Amended) The radius conveyor belt of Claim 7, wherein the first and second link ends each have a leg portion connected to the intermediate section including the respective regularly spaced ridges, and wherein each leg portion has [with] substantially parallel leg sidewalls.

9. (Amended) The radius conveyor belt of Claim 8, wherein the first and second link ends each have a head portion that is wider than the leg portion, the head portion having a pair of substantially parallel head sidewalls and an endwall.

10. (Amended) The radius conveyor belt of Claim 9, wherein a junction of the head sidewalls and endwall of the head portion is rounded.

12. (Amended) The radius conveyor belt of Claim 7, further comprising an opening disposed through the belt module from the [top] upper surface to the [bottom] lower surface.

13. (Amended) The radius conveyor belt of Claim 7, wherein the web and the corrugated portion form a multilevel surface defining the end of the space between adjacent link ends.

14. (Amended) A conveying system, comprising:

a) an endless radius conveyor belt, comprising a plurality of belt modules, each having a plurality of first link ends disposed in the direction of belt travel and provided with a first rounded endwall, [and having] a plurality of second link ends disposed in the opposite direction and provided with a second rounded endwall, and an intermediate section disposed between and connected to the first and second plurality of link ends, wherein at least some of the modules are provided with the intermediate section having an intermediate width defined by the first and second walls and a thickness defined by an upper surface and a lower surface, and wherein the intermediate section comprises a web portion extending across the intermediate width from the first wall to the second wall and from one of the upper and lower surfaces to a portion of the way through the thickness of the intermediate section to form into a corrugated portion extending across the intermediate width from the first wall to the second wall to the other of the upper and lower surfaces, wherein the corrugated portion has a sinusoidal shape comprising a series of regularly spaced ridges and valleys extending substantially across a lateral width of the module;

b) a first plurality of link ends extending outwardly from the intermediate section including the web portion and being connected to the regularly spaced ridges of the first wall of the corrugated portion;

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c) a second plurality of link ends extending outwardly from the intermediate section including the web portion and being connected to the regularly spaced ridges of the second wall of the corrugated portion and in a direction opposite the first link ends, the first and second link ends disposed such that a space capable of receiving a link end is formed between each adjacent link end, the space being open at one end and terminating in [an] a rounded region at the opposite end, the plurality of first link ends being offset from the plurality of second link ends such that the first link ends align with the space between the second link ends such that adjacently positioned belt modules are capable of intercalating so that the first link ends of one belt module fit into the spaces defined between the second link ends of an adjacent belt module, wherein the plurality of first link ends each have [having] a transverse slotted opening [slot defined therein, the slot] disposed transverse to the direction of belt travel and extending in the direction of belt travel, and wherein the plurality of second link ends have [having] a transverse opening defined therein;

[an intermediate portion disposed between the first and second link ends and having a web and a corrugated portion, the web formed in the center of the belt modules and disposed such that a first side of the web terminates in a first surface of the belt module and a second side of the web terminates adjacent to the corrugated portion;]

d) a pivot rod extending transverse to the direction of belt travel through the openings in the second link ends [end] of one of the plurality of belt modules and extending through the slotted openings in the first link ends [end] of an adjacent belt module such that the first and second link ends of the adjacent belt modules are intercalated and the adjacent belt modules are interlinked into adjacent hinged rows capable of following a curved path;

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CP e) at least one middle belt module disposed in an interior position of the conveyor belt and comprising the intermediate section having [a central portion with] an angled face[, the central portion disposed adjacent to the web between the top and bottom surfaces of the belt module]; and[,]

f) a drive sprocket having teeth disposed around the perimeter thereof, the teeth capable of engaging with the first and second rounded [endwall] endwalls of the link ends and capable of engaging with the angled face on the intermediate section [central portion] of the middle belt module[,] to drive the endless conveyor belt around a conveying path.

15. (Amended) The conveying system of Claim 14, wherein the first and second link ends each have a leg portion connected to the intermediate section including the respective regularly spaced ridges, and wherein each leg portion has [with] substantially parallel leg sidewalls.

16. (Amended) The conveying system of Claim 15, wherein the first and second link ends each have a head portion that is wider than the leg portion, the head portion having a pair of substantially parallel head sidewalls and an endwall.

17. (Amended) The conveying system of Claim 16, wherein a junction of the head sidewalls and endwall of the head portion is rounded.

19. (Amended) The conveying system of Claim 14, further comprising an opening disposed through the belt module from the [top] upper surface to the [bottom] lower surface.

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65 20. (Amended) The conveying system of Claim 14, wherein the web and the corrugated portion [rounded regions] form a multilevel surface defining the end of the space between adjacent link ends.

21. (New) The belt module of Claim 1 wherein at least the opening in one of the first and second plurality of link ends is elongated in a direction along an axis of the link end extending from the intermediate section.

46 22. (New) The belt module of Claim 1 wherein a first longitudinal axis of the transverse openings in the first link ends and a second longitudinal axis of the transverse openings in the second link ends are positioned substantially equidistant from the upper and lower surface of the intermediate section.

23. (New) The belt module of Claim 1 wherein a first longitudinal axis of the transverse openings in the first link ends and a second longitudinal axis of the transverse openings in the second link ends are spaced closer to the lower surface of the intermediate section than to the upper surface thereof.

24. (New) The radius conveyor belt of Claim 7 wherein the web portion of a first module is capable of hooding the link ends of a second module intercalated with the first module.

25. (New) A belt module, which comprises:

a) an intermediate section having opposed first and second walls, wherein the intermediate section has an intermediate width defined by the first and second walls and a thickness defined by an upper surface and a lower surface and wherein the intermediate section comprises a web portion extending across the intermediate width from the first wall to the second wall and from one of the upper and lower surfaces to a portion of the way through the

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thickness of the intermediate section to form into a corrugated portion extending across the intermediate width from the first wall to the second wall to the other of the upper and lower surfaces, wherein the corrugated portion has a sinusoidal shape comprising a series of regularly spaced ridges and valleys extending substantially across a lateral width of the module;

b) a first plurality of link ends extending outwardly from at least the regularly spaced ridges of the first wall of the corrugated portion;

c) a second plurality of link ends extending outwardly from at least the regularly spaced ridges of the second wall of the corrugated portion and in a direction opposite the first link ends; and

d) transverse openings provided in each of the first and second link ends.
